



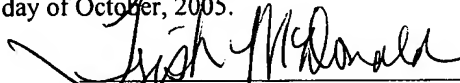
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Pursuant to the duty of disclosure under 37 C.F.R. §§1.56, 1.97 and 1.98, the Applicant requests consideration of this Information Disclosure Statement.

PART I: Compliance with 37 C.F.R. §1.97

This Information Disclosure Statement has been filed before the mailing of a first Office action after the filing of a request for continued examination under 37 C.F.R. §1.114.

No fee or certification is required.

PART II: Information Cited

The Applicants hereby make of record in the above-identified application the information listed on the attached form PTO/SB/08. The order of presentation of the references should not be construed as an indication of the importance of the references.

Search Report and Written Opinions from International Applications

Applicants would like to bring to the Examiner's attention the enclosed search report dated February 22, 2005 and Written Opinion dated August 16, 2005 from International Application No. PCT/US03/35456 (International Filing Date 05 November 2003).

Applicants would also like to bring to the Examiner's attention the enclosed search report dated June 18, 2005 from International Application No. PCT/US03/35457 (International Filing Date 05 November 2003) and the enclosed search report dated April 11, 2005 from International Application No. PCT/US03/35458 (International Filing Date 05 November 2003).

Office Action from U.S. Application Serial No. 10/702,100

Applicants would like to bring to the Examiner's attention the enclosed Office Action dated September 6, 2005 from U.S. Application Serial No. 10/702,100.

Office Action from U.S. Application Serial No. 10/702,101

Applicants would like to bring to the Examiner's attention the enclosed Office Action dated April 8, 2005 from U.S. Application Serial No. 10/702,101.

PART III: Remarks

Documents cited anywhere in the Information Disclosure Statement are enclosed unless otherwise indicated. It is respectfully requested that:

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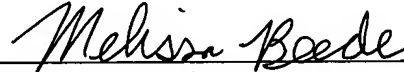
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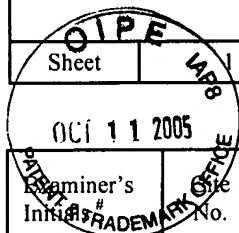
An early and favorable action is hereby requested.

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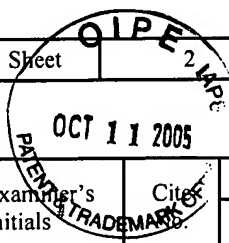
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